

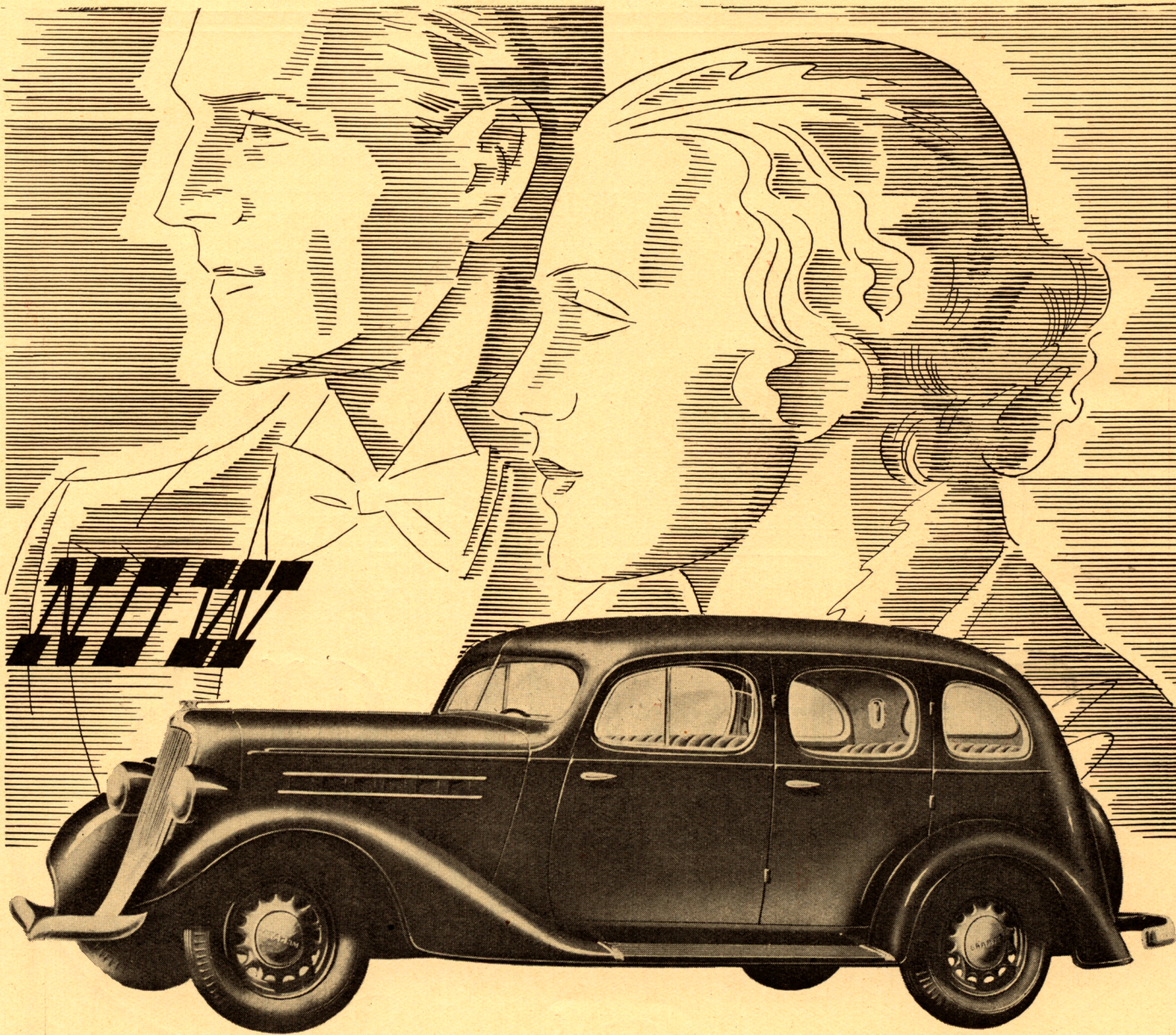


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TATTERSALL'S CLUB, which was established on the 14th May, 1858, is the leading sporting and social Club in Australasia.

The Club House, situated at 157 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, is up-to-date and replete with every modern convenience for the comfort of members, while the Dining Room is famous for the quality of food served and the reasonable prices charged. The Swimming Pool on the third floor is the only elevated Pool in Australasia, and from the point of view of utility and appearance, compares favourably with any indoor Pool in any Club in the World.

The Club conducts four days racing each year at Randwick Racecourse, and its long association with the Turf may be judged from the fact that Tattersall's Club Cup was first run at Randwick on New Year's Day, 1868.

The Club's next Race Meeting at Randwick will be held on 14th September, 1935.

The Club Man's Diary

Our good friend Lionel Courtenay, we learn, could be better, but we share a thought that his indomitable spirit will prevail and, given time for medical care and rest to work their magic, Lionel will be restored again to health—and to his club mates, all of us.



Mr. C. E. Brown.

Many happy returns in June to Mr. Sid Baker on the 9th; Mr. James Barnes, on the 11th; Dr. J. C. B. Allen, on the 17th; Mr. Frank Underwood, on the 20th; Mr. S. J. Simpson, on the 28th; and Mr. A. J. Genge, on the 29th. May the happy spirit, the good health, by which all are blessed to-day, reward them—and us, through their companionship—for many years to come.

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Frank Underwood has achieved a record in sport, on the active list, then as an administrator, equalled by few and surpassed by none in this Commonwealth. Best all, he has stood for the finest principles of sportsmanship, and has passed on the traditions to the generation that must in time take over.

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Look around Sydney, and you will find very few at 78 years who retain

like Mr. Barnes, the active enthusiasm of younger days. After all, the way to keep young is to keep going.

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A recent visitor from South Australia was Mr. P. J. Flanagan, who was for ten years chairman of Tattersall's Club, Adelaide, before he resigned the post last year. He was also one of the founders and the first chairman of the Licensed Victuallers' Racing Club, over there.

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One who spent a good deal of his leave in the club in recent weeks, was Mr. W. Fookes, well known as chief steward of the "Wanganella," and a fellow club member.

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Some, as I observe them, play dominoes heartily and some quietly. Which are the better players is not for a looker-on to say. But I class among the good, quiet players Mr. Alvey Porter. Withal, the camaraderie of the domino assembly is remarkable considering the keenness with which the game is played.



Mr. A. C. Ingham.

Mr. C. E. Brown, manager of the Matson Line, and Mr. Arthur Ingham, left for America on May 29.

Our chairman (Mr. W. W. Hill) has been chosen by the New South Wales Rugby Union to go to England as its representative at important conferences with the English body. His rare knowledge of the game, gained as a representative player and as an administrator, com-



Mr. A. J. Genge.

bined with his experience in what we might generalise as "dealing with situations as they arise," plus tact in liberal measure, and the happy manner, fit him admirably—and adequately—for the big job ahead.

How do I know these things? Well, I am beginning to lose count, conveniently, of the number of years I have known my good friend and the game that has meant, and still means, sentimentally, so much to us.

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Sir Thomas Henley fought many a parliamentary and otherwise official fight while he lived, and it was remembered of him, when he went under that, while he wasn't particular as to whether two-minute or ten-minute rounds prevailed, whether hitting was barred in clinches or it was an "open go," Tom Henley never squealed in defeat nor exalted in victory. His tribe is passing from

public life, for the age and the conditions of that age which produced them has passed already. The modern type is more subtle, but less straightforward, allowing for exceptions.

Tom Henley was a practical-minded man, an individualist of the old school, who didn't hold with Government pampering, and some believed him hard. He was not. His good deeds were not advertised, and he recoiled from a modern fetish of providing write-up, accompanied by photograph, every time he aided a fellow man. When the Great War was on Sir Thomas did his bit nobly, according to his capacity, and he gave a fine son to the cause. Service was his motto, not self.

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The annual report for the year ended February 28, 1935, disclosed a net profit of £4,297/18/8, after providing for depreciation. This was adopted by members at the annual general meeting on May 8.

Membership of the club at the close of the year was 1,716, made up as follows: 56 absentee, 122 book-makers, 1,246 city and suburban, 205 country, 64 Interstate, 15 overseas, and 8 hon. life members.

Mr. W. W. Hill was re-elected chairman, and Mr. S. E. Chatterton, treasurer.

Messrs. H. C. Bartley, B. Jolley, J. H. O'Dea and F. G. Underwood, retiring members of the committee, were re-elected to the committee for two years.

Messrs. Starkey & Starkey and Mr. H. A. Clarke were re-elected auditors. * * *

Mr. Jerome Dowling, who has not been in the best of health for some time past, was given a nice little

surprise on Thursday week last when members of the committee of Tattersall's Club paid a visit to his residence, and presented him with a life membership badge. Mr. Dowling expressed his appreciation of the honour.

HANDBALL

Just a short note to tell the increasing number of handball enthusiasts that it's time they started to get into "nick" for the new season.

We've noted "Billy" Williams looking with the handicapper's eagle



The "Williams Trophy."

glances at the way they are shaping in the courts.

Take heed, therefore, that the season's competitions will be run round about July when the swimmers take a rest from racing for a month or two.

Golf Notes

The last outing of the Golf Club was held at Manly Golf Club and took the form of a Par Competition. This commenced the annual competition for the "Henry E. Coleman" Bowl, which takes place over four outings and the winner is the member with the best aggregate score for three out of the four outings, so that any who have missed the first may still have a chance of winning the handsome replica of this trophy.

The best card of the day was handed in by Mr. L. J. Herron, 4 up, which won the "C" Grade Trophy presented by Mr. J. L. Normoyle, the next being 3 up by Mr. J. B. Dowling and won Mr. W. W. Hill's Trophy, whilst Mr. E. A. Nettlefold won Mr. H. Greenberg's Trophy with a score of 3 down.

The attendance of forty-six shows that enthusiasm is returning and a bigger attendance is anticipated at the New South Wales Golf Club, La Perouse, on Wednesday, 12th June next, when a Canadian Mixed Foursome Stroke Handicap, and Men's Four Ball v. Par events will be played.

Members are reminded that the Golf Club's Annual Ball will take place on Saturday, 20th July, 1935. Reservations to be made with Mr. T. T. Manning, Secretary, Tattersall's Club.

Mr. W. J. Candler of Gillespie Brothers, flour millers, left by the "Monterey" on the 29th for Samoa on his company's business, after having spent a most enjoyable three weeks in the club.

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Tattersall's Club Golf Club

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A CHIERIO FROM CHILE

Miss Nell Hill, daughter of the chairman, has written her father from Chile a budget of impressions, so graphically, that one feels in the reading that he is transported there, breathing the atmosphere, so to speak.

This bright lass has not only a sense of observation, keenly developed, but a fine faculty for expression, clear and colourful.

She tells of a quaint old Spanish shopping custom:—"One buys and leaves the parcels at the various stores, makes a round of calls on friends, and, a quarter of an hour before the train goes, dives out and hires a hansom cab to pick up the purchases.

"The harness has a liberal helping of string and the cab and cabby seem to depend on each other for support. One tells the various ports of call for the parcels, and the cab dashes up the main street, scattering pigs and chickens en route, and the hood swinging from port to star-board."

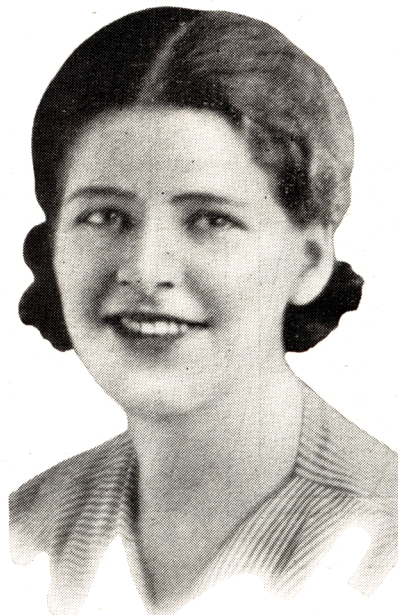
She writes of visiting the home of a doctor in San Felipo and of the exquisitely carved furniture inlaid with beaten brass. His ancestors brought it over from Spain 220 years ago.

She had to cross a river on horseback. The nag stumbled and emptied her into the water, but a gallant native rushed to the rescue, and she got out of the predicament hanging to the stirrup. Undaunted, she took horse again, this time up the side of a mountain, "steep and stony—but all very exciting."

"Half the time, traversing this mule track, one is overhanging a

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chasm like Govett's Leap. I didn't dare look down. We ride Chilean ponies, sure-footed and used to the job. You never know when a crowd of bandits is likely to appear.



Miss Nell Hill.

The hills are full of them, and you are never allowed to ride far away from the farm. Behind us ride two men carrying revolvers.

"While we were on a critical bit of the path, we heard peculiar rumblings, as from lorries passing on a road below. The guides called what in Spanish means "go for your life," and we dash down to a plateau. That rumbling was an earth tremor, and there is always a danger of a

crack in the mountains or a landslide.

"But the grandeur of the scene was worth it all. The sun, about half an hour off setting time, throws up the shadows of the ravines and crags, and causes a haze to settle on the hills, softening their ruggedness. The farms in the valley, looked the size of pocket handkerchiefs, and their poplar trees and cactus growth seemed like the miniatures one sees in fake Chinese gardens. The rivers twisting in and about are like silver ribbons. Above all is perfect stillness, the tranquility of eventide."

Miss Hill tells of seeing horses threshing corn, by stamping it out, as was written in the Bible.

"The threshing floor is a big space enclosed by a wall of stones. The floor has been previously prepared by applications of water, after which goats are driven in and chased round and about. Their tiny feet make the floor as hard and smooth as cement. Then the corn is laid on the floor and six or seven horses are tethered together, and driven round and round, gradually coming to the centre.

"Men with long-handled shovels toss the mingled chaff and grain high into the air, so that the wind carries the chaff away.

"About a feast day dance:—The maid is very demure, looking down all the time at her shoes while the man flutters a gay handkerchief and performs the most intricate steps, retires and advances. The maid takes no notice of him. She does a sedate little step or two, but ex-

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Famous Clubs

BOODLE'S CLUB, LONDON, 1762-1935

Three London Clubs have been indissolubly attached ever since their formation in the dark ages of the past. These are, Brook's, White's and Boodle's. All three were founded with a specific purpose and, though brought into being in the 17th century, White's and Boodle's, which are next door to each other, have lived through the ages and still entertain members.

Boodle's derives its name from its founder, but when first established, it was known as the "Savoir Vire" and if gaiety be any criterion of a knowledge of how to live, its early records certainly justified the cognomen. Latest figures show that in England, there are now functioning, no less than 14,377 clubs with a total membership of 3,767,000. But, the moderns have never been able to dim the glories attending Boodle's, and entry to same, to-day, can only be obtained after established ritual has been thoroughly satisfied.

Social Highlights.

Boodle's was essentially a club for social highlights and was the mecca of fashion and gambling of elaborate order. The social functions were famous throughout the land and even overseas. One had to be possessed of required birthright to gain admission and, according to old records, money simply flowed at all times and especially so when the club was en fete. At the time, the most famous clubs vied with each other in an endeavour to stage for members, the most costly entertainment of the period, and it is on record that as far back as 1764, one masquerade alone cost slightly more than 2,000 guineas, and be it understood, the figures quoted represented

much more than would a similar amount to-day. It was a fortune.

English tradition has maintained the club through the ages, and even to-day, St. James Street still carries White's and Boodle's despite the fact that for years now, with the exception of the clubs named, the whole of the east side of the street is lined with stately buildings and shops. It is even referred to to-day as "a very nice English Street." Gibbons referred to the particular masquerade quoted in the following strains:—"Last night was a triumph for Boodle's. A sum that might

claimed the land in 1532 and erected a hunting-lodge on the spot. It was at the St. James Palace, in 1912, that the conference that arranged the treaty between Turkey and the Balkan States met.

The connecting link between Boodle's and St. James Palace, lies in the fact that the continuous line of Royal occupiers of the latter, have graced Boodle's with their patronage.

The club is still flourishing at St. James Street, S.W.1., and though the modern touch has been added here and there, the old traditions still stand, and "a night at Boodle's" is referred to with awe by those favoured with an invitation to attend.

Links with Past.

The furnishings of Boodle's has been quoted as being 95 per cent. historical, and it would seem that almost every chair even has some deep historical significance, but at the same time affords abundant proof that our forebears suffered not in the way of comfort. Everything is luxurious and the old spirit of gaiety and splendour holds sway as ever.



Boodle's Club, London.

have fertilised a province vanished in a few hours, but not without leaving behind it the fame of the most splendid and elegant fete that was perhaps ever given in the seat of the arts and opulence."

Royal Atmosphere.

The location of Boodle's lends colour to the idea of its being the rendezvous of the elite.

Just a few minutes walk away, is situated St. James Palace, which has been described as an irregular and picturesque brick building enclosing several court yards. In passing, it is of interest to recall that the "Palace" was originally a hospital for 14 leprous maidens, but Henry VIII. re-

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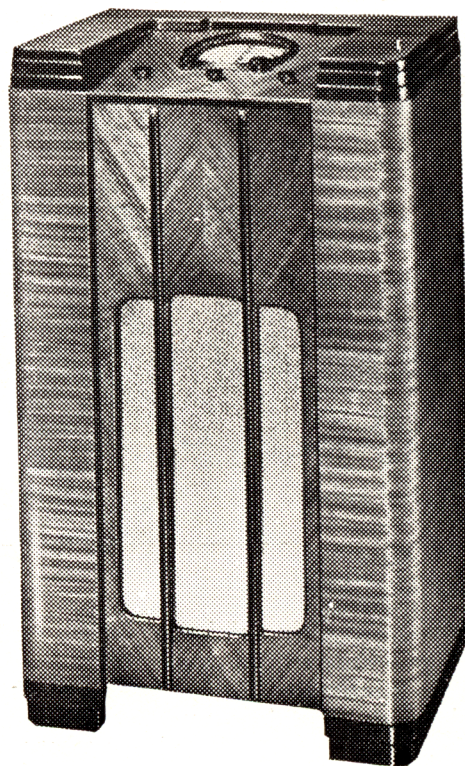
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Pool Splashes

Our Pool the Sportsman's Rendezvous—Block still Leads Field for Dewar Cup—"John Samuel" Point Score to Dexter.

They used to say of Shepherd's Hotel in Cairo that if one stayed there long enough one would meet the whole world of notables at some time or other, and as far as Sydney's notable sportsmen are concerned, the same goes for Tattersall's Club Pool.

With interests varied as national ambitions, sooner or later all sportsmen find their way to our pool and once there they come back for more of the delights of the sparkling water, the gymnasium and the massage rooms.

Mr. Leon Lyons, sales manager of Toohey's, is now a three times a week man, takes his turn on the wrestling mat and reckons he'll be soon down to a really sylph-like figure.

Before we go further there are a few congratulations we must get off our chest and we speak for all the habitués of the Pool when we extend the "glad hand" to the men who deserve them.

First of all there's Vic Richards, who has been picked to tour Queensland with the New South Wales Rugby Union side. Vic. has always been a great supporter of the Pool and though his swimming has been affected by his football he can still mix it with the fastest of them.

To Stan Carroll go congratulations on the birth of his first child, a son, and is he a proud father? Well, we leave it to you.

We note that Les Heron took the honours in a recent Tattersall's Golf Club contest and are going to suggest that the massage he took in preparation weighed the scales in his favour.

Then there's Pat Hernon, the handball king, who has been busy with examinations of all kinds for years past. They're all over for a while and he is now a fully fledged solicitor.

A real acquisition to the Swimming Club is John Pooley, who is a regular visitor to the Athletic Department, his Adonis-like proportions rousing envy in all the old

timers. John has had a few swims in races and he looks like being round the scratch mark before long. It was tough luck that he had to miss the first final for which he qualified as he looked sure to land the first place.

Jim Kendall has his son Bill, Australian swimming champion, working out in the Pool twice a day and now that young Bill has had his tonsils removed he's going to give those records a shake.

Here's some good news for swimming enthusiasts, too. Remember last Swimming Club Ball when Bill



The "John Samuel" Cup.

Kendall broke the Pool record for 100 yards at 54 1/10 secs., well, he's going to have a shot at doing even better at the Annual Ball in August next.

Dewar Cup.

Sammy Block still leads the field for this valuable trophy, but his rival, C. Godhard, isn't far behind and will make it interesting before the season ends in July.

Stan Carroll and "Pete" Hunter are both in the running and cannot be disregarded.

Leading points scorers to date are:—

A. S. Block 56½, C. Godhard 55, V. Richards 49, S. Carroll 48, J. Dexter 44½, K. Hunter 43½, A. Richards 37½, G. Goldie 34½.

John Samuel Cup.

The second season's contest for this trophy ended with the diving event held during the month and was won by Jack Dexter, who put himself in a practically unassailable position by winning both the back and breast stroke races.

The diving resulted in a surprise, for the hot favourite, "Pete" Hunter, was only placed third behind Vic. Richards and C. Godhard.

Our chairman, Mr. W. W. Hill, judged the contest which resulted as follows:—

V. Richards, 20 points; C. Godhard, 19; K. Hunter, 18; J. Dexter, 17; G. Goldie, 16; A. S. Block, 14.

The season's points result was:—

J. Dexter 10, V. Richards 9, K. Hunter 7, A. S. Block 6, C. Godhard 6, S. Carroll 5, L. Rein 4, A. Richards 2, J. Buckle 2.

The cup will be awarded to the swimmer scoring most points in three seasons, next year being the last of the three. So far the leading points scorers are:—

V. Richards 17, J. Dexter 17, K. Hunter 16, A. Richards 13, A. S. Block 10.

Club Races.

The most notable happening in the club events was the first win of John Buckle, who had been trying hard to win a race for a long time. His turn came in the 40 yards handicap on 9th May and as he swam his two laps in 23 2/5 secs. in the heat and a fifth of a second faster in the final, he was well pleased. Anyway the Pool enthusiasts gave him a great "hand."

Results since the last issue of the magazine were:—

May 2—60 yards handicap final: K. Hunter (37), 1; A. S. Block (42), 2; C. Godhard (37), 3. Time 33 secs.

May 9—40 yards handicap final: J. Buckle (25), 1; C. Godhard (24), and A. Richards (22), tie, 2. Time 23 1/5 secs.

May 16—60 yards handicap final: A. S. Block (41), and C. Godhard (36), tie, 1. Times, 41½ and 36½ secs.

April-May Point Score:—V. Richards, 9 points, 1; A. Richards, 8½, 2; A. S. Block 8, 3; C. Godhard 7½, 4; S. Carroll and K. Hunter 6, 5.

May-June Point Score:—Leaders to date are C. Godhard and A. S. Block, 3½ points.

Point Score races will be held until the middle of July, when the season will close, the new one commencing in October.

SWIMMING COACHING CLASSES.

Those of our members who are interested in the way that young swimmers are coached into championship form should make a point of visiting the Pool on Monday nights between 7.30 and 9 o'clock.

During that period Tattersall's Club co-operates with the Amateur Swimming Association by allowing winter coaching classes to be run and very valuable work is being done.

One of Tattersall's Club members, Lyndon H. Johnston, an authority on training methods and diet, is secretary to the A.S.A. Coaching Committee and amongst other coaches he has with him Messrs. Dudley Hellmrich, H. R. Brown, Claude Seabrook, Charles Bell and Noel Ryan.

The last-named champion owes much of his success overseas to his training in our pool and it is good to see him in action helping the lads who are coming on.

In forming the classes only boys under seventeen years are asked to join up and a visit to see them in action every Monday night will assure members of the good our club is doing for the swimming game in Sydney.

A CHEERIO FROM CHILE

(Continued from page 5.)

trème modesty distinguishes her every movement.

"Her partner becomes frantic. She gives him a demure glimpse from her soft brown orbs—just a flutter of the lids. Suddenly the music ceases. The man goes down on one knee, and the girl, somehow, is sitting lightly on the other. They are handed a glass of wine each. The man drinks with gusto; the maid pretends to sip.

"The men have to be expert dancers, because of their liability to trip over their enormous spurs. If they do so happen to trip, the girls refuse to dance with them again, walking off and leaving them flat.

"They are a simple folk. If a child becomes sickly the mother believes that an evil eye has looked on it. Some woman who may have been fondling the child too much is considered to have the evil eye."

Miss Hill says that she may see Egypt or India, next winter, then back to Australia.

OUR YOUNG FOODS

(Condensed from Daheim, Leipzig, December 6, 1934)

Foodstuffs in the sense as we understand them, are as old as the first primitive civilisation. When man learned to handle his first primitive tool and make a fire he began to differ from the other creatures in his nourishment.

Eight thousand years ago, when man, for the first time, ground some barley between two stones, added water to it and baked a bread from this mash, the abyss became so wide that it could no longer be bridged.

And barley is the oldest known cereal. Thousands of years ago men knew its nutritive properties. Much later, at the time when Homer wrote the Iliad and Odyssey and when Greek culture had already attained a notable degree of development, did they begin to cultivate rye as a grain food. This happened about 800 B.C. Wheat is only a little over a hundred years old as a

food. Next to barley, lentil was probably the oldest edible seed, although it is 3,000 years younger. Just as old is the first fermented beverage, beer. They brewed it in Egypt 3,000 years B.C. The oldest known vegetables, cabbage and beans, are 300 years younger.

We are almost certain that the first man led an aboreal existence, even as monkeys do to-day, and that he lived on the roots and fruits of field and wood, insofar as he did not devour the raw meat of other creatures. The apple is only 2,000 years old and the stalks of the celery plant were eaten for the first time during the Trojan War. The first mashed peas probably date from Homer's time, when men also learned to appreciate the fineness of wine and figs.

Rice became known in Europe under Alexander the Great, also fruits

such as plums, cherries and peaches. Later, as the Roman Empire pushed more and more eastward, the cultivation of these fruits became more intense. Sugar was not known in Europe until about 996 A.D.

A new impetus was given to the foodstuffs industry and trade with the discovery of the New World. Unsuspected possibilities opened with every new arrival. In 1500 they ate the first green peppers in Europe; the pineapple came in 1514, coffee in 1517 and chocolate and corn in 1520. Tobacco came only 40 years later and the first potatoes were imported into England in 1585. Cloves and tea were mentioned for the first time during the Thirty Years' War, cinnamon in 1780, and the cranberry became popular during the Napoleonic Wars. And the European centenary of the banana will be celebrated six years from now.

A.W.A. World-wide Broadcasting Service

It will interest many listeners to know that wireless enthusiasts in other parts of the world regularly listen to the Australian programmes transmitted from the powerful A.W.A. short wave station, VK2ME, Sydney.

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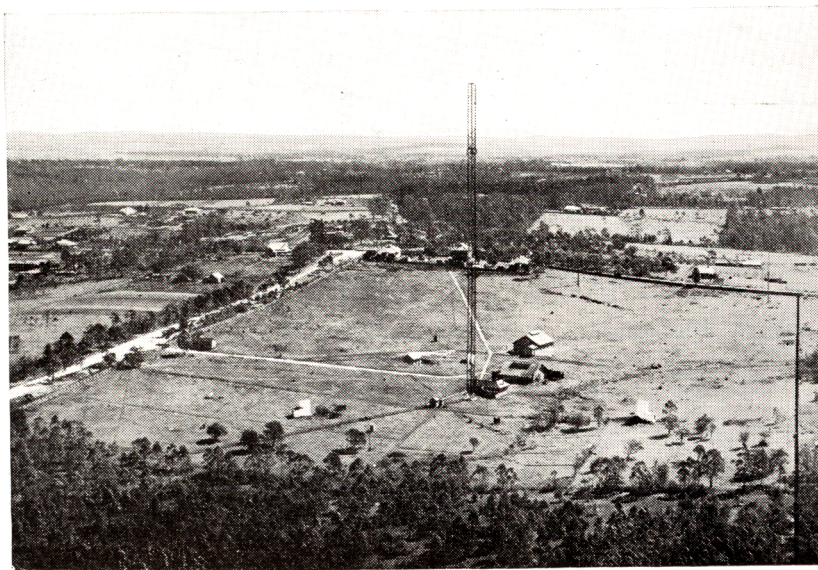
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The programme of VK2ME comprises both classical and musical items but jazz music is omitted. Talks are given on many phases of Australian life, including such sub-

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Moscow Goes to the Races

(Condensed from "Herald Tribune Magazine" by James E. Abbe)

At the Moscow Hippodrome, race-track de luxe, 30,000 persons, the elite of Bolshevik society, filled the spacious grandstand. Among the Communist officials present, some were better dressed than the others, some had more money to spend for food and wine in the big glass enclosed restaurant in the grandstand, whereas the great "masses" were lucky if they had brought black bread in a paper bag to lend substance to a nip of vodka purchased in one of the bars. Under the great tribune roof white-aproned waiters hurried about serving beer, tea, aperitifs . . . and, in violation of all Soviet ethics, they smilingly pocketed generous tips. On the tribune were the new aristocracy of the proletariat—superior looking diners who had made the best of what they could secure to look chic and elegant.

In the Royal Box, where formerly sat the Czars and their blue-blooded guests, there was, strange as it may seem—royalty! A prince of Irak, sitting with noble mien in the midst of pop-eyed proletariats—high officials who seemed lost in awe at the dignity of this Eastern potentate. Outside the Royal Box a cinema operator cranked his camera, that a record might be kept of the first visit of royalty to the Moscow Hippodrome.

And over the track wall jutted the fantastic church towers of Moscow . . . the only reminder that on "the other side of the fence" was a stifling mass of poorly clad humanity which gathered daily at the market to barter and haggle for the pathetic remnants of the bare necessities of life.

I sat in an elegant and spacious box between the press agent of the Horse Breeding Trust, which controls the racetrack, and its director, M. Huskin. The atmosphere around me was just short of being downright snobbish and the spectacle before me was a pretty sight. Well groomed dirt track . . . colourful

grandstand crowded with horsey-looking spectators . . . pari-mutuel betting booths . . . smart-looking restaurant . . . and vibrating, rough-neck Moscow in the offing.

The director himself showed signs of a strain of blue blood. Dressed in a smart, well-tailored riding costume with polished boots, he had class written all over him. I suspected him of being "a gentleman." At least, he was a connoisseur of good horse blood. The press agent also possessed what are hardly proletarian traits—he knew good wines and had an eye for good-looking women.

As I watched a visiting engineer present a race winner with a money prize to thunderous applause from the crowd, I asked the director, "Do you have horse racing in other Russia cities?" "Yes," he replied, "we are engaged in breeding thoroughbreds—super cavalry horses, among other types. Russia still places much stress on the importance of cavalry in war. We try to breed horses capable of carrying heavy weights. When the jockey is not heavy we make up the difference by placing weights under the saddle. Practically every city of any size has its racetrack and breeding stables, belonging, of course, to the State."

Just so many centres, I thought, for awakening the proletariat to inevitable class distinctions.

The director broke in upon my thoughts with an invitation to have tea with him. The racetrack restaurant was filled with joyous winners of bets, celebrating by dining without restriction on caviar, roast goose, pastries and Caucasian Wines, topped off with tea and cigarettes. This restaurant is one of the few in all Russia where the proletarians can get all the food they want, without food cards—provided they have the money!

While we dined in leisurely fashion, I saw many a hungry winner eagerly gather his harvest of rubles and make a bolt toward the heaven

of food that awaited him. They sat all about me, gorging themselves happily, their pleasure but slightly dimmed by the realisation that it may be a long time before another meal comes along on the nose of a winning horse!

The Moscow Hippodrome is one of the most enlightening spectacles which Soviet Russia has to offer. There are no sweepstake tickets sold all over the world to build up publicity for the races. Nor does the outside world listen at radios to learn which horse wins. And despite the fact that the Hippodrome boasts, or apologises for, the only authorised publicity agent in the entire U.S.S.R., he does not dare play up the races too much for fear of disclosing that with all the efforts the revolutionists have exerted toward "building socialism" there still remains in the breasts of the proletariat an inherent love and respect for "class."

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Would You Like to Challenge These?

There are a few records standing in the books that are likely to remain untouched or unharmed for a long period. Glance at the following list, but there is no suggestion made that you repair to the "gym" with the fixed idea of creating new figures.

Pulling up body by little finger of one hand; 6 times, by A. Cutler, Louisville, Ky., Sept. 18, 1878.

Pulling up body by one arm; 12 times, by the same chap as in the first instance, and on the same day at the same place.

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World's Greatest Showman

(By E. J. Gravestock)

(Continued from last issue.)

The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune are exemplified in the career of Charles Cochran, the famous English showman. In my last article we left him at the top of the world, having brought to a successful issue a series of wonderful boxing matches, culminating in the Carpentier-Beckett fight at the Holborn Stadium in London. The gate was £30,000, the boxers drew £8,000 between them, Cochran's expenses were probably between £1,000 or £2,000, which left him with the bare profit of £20,000; he had made about £6,000 over the Wilde-Moore fight at the Olympia. Prior to this he had been having some wonderful successes with his revues. "As You Were," with which he re-opened the London Pavilion after renovating it, ran for thirteen months, during which time Cochran paid over £21,000 in royalties to the authors and composers. Royalties for plays are usually a percentage of the gross receipts, averaging from five to twelve and half per cent. The receipts for "As You Were" would probably average around nearly £3,000 a week. Alice Delysia, the French actress, who was in Australia recently, and who Cochran had started off in London at £6 per week, some years before, was the bright particular "star." Delysia was now London's idol, and during the run of "As You Were," Major Gluckstein wanted her for the Cabaret at the Trocadero, which is across the road from the London Pavilion. Cochran asked £50 a night for two songs.

Gluckstein jumped at it, and engaged her for two weeks, and Delysia was such a success that the engagement was extended, and although the Trocadero asked for her repeatedly, Delysia would not continue with the work as she did not like it. Later on Cochran got £500 a week for Delysia for an American tour. Another highlight in Cochran's career, was his success with "Afgar," a revue for which Cochran paid £27,000 in royalties. The gross receipts averaged £3,400 for

several weeks, the record was £3,580, and the last week of the season realised £2,000. Some of Cochran's earliest ventures appeal to me, because it was during that time he exercised his natural wit and ingenuity as a showman, more than later in life when he was juggling with fortunes.

Early in his career, Cochran was a theatrical agent, and the wrestling boom in England 35 years ago, was due to his brilliant handling of Georges Hackenschmidt, the Russian wrestler. A Cornish champion was challenging all comers at the London Alhambra, and one night Hackenschmidt stepped from a box on to the stage in wrestling kit. He was probably one of the finest specimens of humanity to appear in a theatre. The Cornishman was a great showman and he had a plausible excuse for not taking on the Russian there and then, and he talked so well, that the audience applauded Carkeek the Cornishman, and booed Hackenschmidt. Then Cochran took the Russian in hand, and secured a week's engagement for him at £70 at the Tivoli. Cochran put over a big newspaper campaign, and the receipts broke all records. He secured another engagement for four weeks at £150 a week, but Hackenschmidt was a bad showman, and would only wrestle on the level, in consequence he ceased to be an attraction. After vainly trying to secure Hackenschmidt engagements he took him to Liverpool and Manchester, and persuaded Hackenschmidt to give the public a show. A troupe of wrestlers were engaged, including one who played the part of a brutal wrestler who ignored the referee's warnings about foul tactics; local men were offered £25 if they could stay ten minutes, the best would be allowed to win this £25, and a match for a later night was arranged, and up went the receipts. Eventually Hackenschmidt got an

engagement in London, and was a real success. Madrali, the "Terrible Turk," then arrived on the scene. He went to the Canterbury and challenged Hackenschmidt from the stalls, and when Hackenschmidt refused on the score that he was challenging only English wrestlers, pandemonium broke loose. Eventually a match was arranged to take place at the Olympia. The Russian was to get £1,000 and Madrali £500. The newspapers had boomed wrestling up to the skies, and everybody in London was talking wrestling, and I can remember all sorts of "holds" being discussed and demonstrated whenever a few chaps got together. The Hackenschmidt-Madrali match at the Olympia drew an enormous audience, but it was a wash-out from an entertainment point of view, for when the two wrestlers were called together, the Russian rushed in, grabbed the Turk, lifted him like a sack of chaff shoulder high, threw him to the ground. The Turk was unable to get up. His arms were broken and the match was over.

About this time Cochran got hold of an illiterate man named Ahrensmeyer, who claimed hypnotic powers, and he had a remarkable eye. He could make a man become rigid, lay him between two chairs, and break a stone on his body. He gathered a gang of extraordinary men about him, most of whom had been with a former mesmerist. He would hypnotise them and pass needles through their arms and under their finger nails without waking them up, although it was doubtful if he could do it with normal people. However, Cochran dressed him up like Tom Mix, and called him "The Cowboy Hypnotist." He engaged an actor who had studied medicine, and was learned on psychic matters, to act as M.C., so he was able to argue with the medical students that came along to heckle Ahrensmeyer. Cochran got the hypnotist an engagement at the Holborn Empire.

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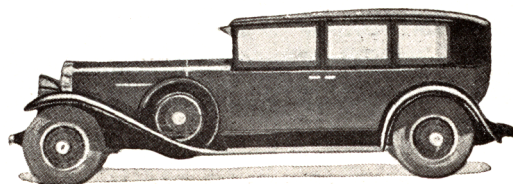
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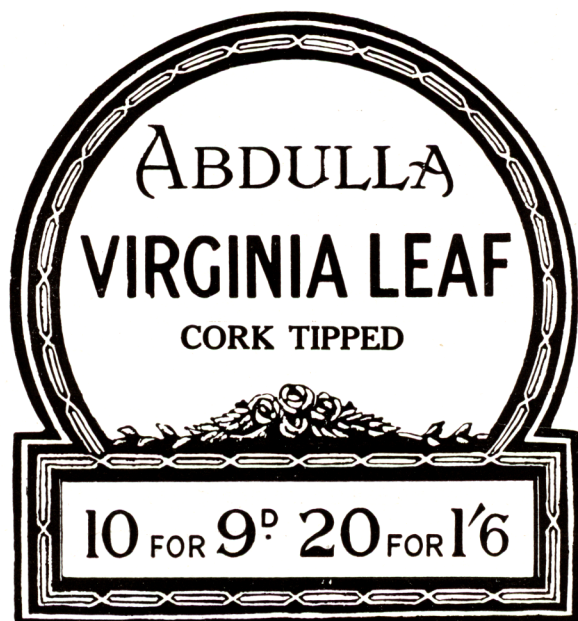
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Billiards and Snooker

Davis Makes Two Records—Interstate Contests at Last—Canadian Stanbury Bursts into Snooker Realm—Club Tourneys.

With the annual billiard and snooker tournaments close at hand, members have been busy of late, getting cues out of cases with a view to emulating the deeds of Charlie Young, who galloped away with both major prizes in 1934.

There is an overseas snooker item of some importance. Happening when our old friend Joe Davis met Tom Newman in the English championship. Joe created two records in the 24th game, by compiling a 110 break and then going out next stick to win 135-0.

This is by far the biggest break in a snooker championship game, and the first time a player has been completely "whitewashed." Newman is not likely to soon forget the 1935 series.

Interstate Games.

At long last, the idea of interstate billiard matches appears to be nearing fruition. A suggestion from Mr. Bert Hearnden of Adelaide, that a team of six Melbourne amateurs visit the City of Churches to meet the local elect in friendly combat, was welcomed with open arms, and the names of the chosen may be expected any day.

This will mark the first occasion in Australian billiard history when a team representing one State has vied with another, but it is probably the fore-runner of many similar events.

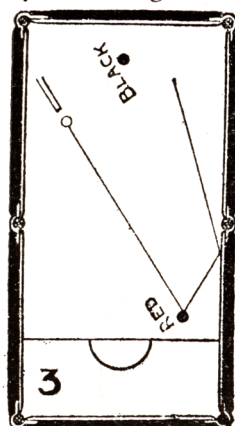
To make things easier, it has been arranged that the Victorians will be "guests" and expenses thus be kept down to a minimum. The players will all be amateur, but no doubt a charge will be made to witness the games, and it is quite possible that a "cut" will be forthcoming to defray rail costs and the like. This could not in any way damage amateur status, as it is the regular thing for amateurs to receive travelling expenses.

One thing is certain. If the idea of Interstate billiards is fostered, the game will get a great fillip, and one it badly needs. The trouble in the past has been lack of incentive

to strive for better form, but with a trip in the offing, players will occupy the tables at greater length and the standard of billiards will immediately rise. We can only hope that success will be writ in large letters against the initial experiment.

A Newcomer.

Latest arrival in the snooker world is Con Stanbury of Canada, who invaded the English championship this year for the first time. Judged from all accounts, he is something right out of the box in every way. Meeting Willie Smith



A Snooker shot played by Stanbury in his game against Willie Smith, in the English Championship, and described in accompanying article.

in the first heat of the tournament, Stanbury confounded critics by his unorthodox methods, equipment and general style.

Maybe, we are somewhat conservative in our ideas as to how the multi-ball game should be played, but it seems that Con reckons a "heavy" stick is essential if one is to reap true reward for one's efforts. Anyway, he uses a "waddy" which pulls the scales at $3\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. instead of the customary $16/19$ oz. variety. Further than that, it is of the detachable type, and the player shortens or lengthens to requirements of the moment.

A Law Unto Himself.

Stanbury is a law unto himself, in that he leaves the purists standing by doing everything which, according to accepted notions, should

not be done. But, he gets away with it—or nearly so.

Nearly so, because he was beaten in his first match, but only after Smith had been sorely tried. The tallies were "12 games all" when the last frame was set up, and Willie just managed to land the bacon. From that fact, we may take it for granted that the Canadian is far removed from the ordinary in point of ability. Now, let us glimpse at the way he appeared to pressmen when making his debut:—

Frank Poxon, now with the "News Chronicle," but for many years on the "Melbourne Herald," says—"Stanbury, like many of our eloquent boxing friends from across the Atlantic, was not backward in informing all and sundry what he would do when he got going. He uses a barge-pole of a cue, $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet in length and twice as thick as the thickest anyone has seen before. He waves it about between shots and polishes it between his hands whilst keeping up a running fire of comment. His aim is the queerest ever, he never looks at either the cue-ball or the object ditto for any length of time, and lets go just when you imagine he will commence to get his sight. But, he puts them in from all angles, and they go in with a plonk—and they stay well and truly plonked."

Very Interesting.

All the foregoing sounds very interesting. It is high time someone happened along to show us something "different" and Stanbury would seem to have the goods.

In the drawing on this page, is depicted one of Stanbury's shots played against Willie Smith. The actual potting of the red ball was not so difficult, maybe, but the screw-back into position to get on the black ball can only be regarded in the light of a gem. No good can be achieved by trying to describe how the shot was executed, except that it was done with the aid of a "barge-pole" and loads of optimism. Let's leave it at that.

MOTORING

The health of drivers has received much study of late, by car manufacturers. The article below deals with same and shows how carefully data was secured and just what was found. A new racing car is outlined as is also outlined, the latest scheme for dealing with erring drivers.

Does incessant car driving interfere with health?

The question has been asked over and over again but until now, no scientific method has been designed of making certain one way or the other.

Although chassis and body design have progressed at rapid rate, comparatively little attention has been given to the effect of comfortable seating upon the health of the motorist. For a considerable period, however, leading executives of a famous British factory have been working in close co-operation with the orthopaedic staff of a London hospital, with the result that anatomically correct seating has been evolved.

The beginning of this important innovation was the realisation that a high percentage of motorists, particularly those of middle age, were sufferers from gastric or digestive troubles. Then, from analysis made as to whether the car seats had any effect on this condition, there was every reason to believe that there was an inter-related cause and effect.

To this end, twenty skeletons of adults were taken the normal spinal curvature plotted, and an average shape was struck. From this it was found that, anatomically, the major point of lateral support for the car driver should be in the form of a slight but specially shaped protuberance in the seat back, or squab, to fit firmly into the lumbar area, which is a little below half-way down the backbone.

The lumbar is a crowded nerve location, and undue stress placed on this area by wrong posture when sitting for a long period in a car is conducive to fatigue, and, by reason

of proximity to the stomach, incorrect functioning of the digestive organs. This is due to the fact that if the body is maintained in a position in which the spine is curved into a forward arc, the outlet from the stomach leading to the duodenum and the beginning of the digestive tract becomes restricted.

In other words, incorrect angularity of the seat support areas induces fatigue and acidity, impairs the vision, and causes delay in muscular and nervous response. The new seating prevents these tendencies, by maintaining the spine at its proper curvature, with the head erect on the shoulders.

A New Speedster.

At the moment a twin-engined racing car is under construction in the famous works of Ferrari, at Modena, Italy. It is being built for Nuvolari, the world famous driver, who will attempt to stave off the German challenge in the Tripoli Grand Prix.

The engines will be located fore and aft, with the driver in between. This method of construction, however, is not unique, for it was first used on the 1000-h.p. Sunbeam which, driven by the late Sir Henry Seagrave, was the first car to attain a speed of 200 m.p.h.

After that, another world's record breaker, the Triplex Special, was built on similar lines, although in this instance there were two engines at the rear and one in front.

Novel Idea.

A novel means of spreading "Safety First" propaganda amongst pedestrians and checking bad driving habits has been adopted in South London (Eng.).

A car equipped with loud speakers and a police traffic officer on board, patrols populous thoroughfares. When a driver or pedestrian is seen to offend against traffic regulations, the officer, per medium of the amplifiers, addresses the individual at fault. "Police Order," he announces, followed by a direction

to the erring individual as to what or what not to do.

The idea is good and was first tried out with good results in U.S.A. but, the Englishman as a rule is prone to object to modern invention, rather adhering to tradition and making forward steps in easy stages. But, this latest scheme has the O.K. of the Royal Automobile Club of Great Britain behind it. It is recognised that prevention of an offence is better than a prosecution or warning, after an offence has been committed. The unexpected admonition uttered while the driver is doing something wrong, would not only impress those spoken to but the possibility of such a happening would have a restraining influence on those individuals who are not careful or courteous drivers.

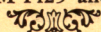
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2. **YOUR GEARS:** If your gears are stiff use the winter Mobiloil gear oil, and change gears with summer-time ease.
3. **YOUR CHASSIS:** *Regular* Mobilubrication with correct grades of Mobilgrease and Mobilubricant gives comfortable riding and protects parts against rain and mud.
4. **YOUR PETROL:** Use Super Plume Ethyl Motor Spirit for a *split-second* start.

*Consult the Mobiloil Directory at your Service Station.

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